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SUBJECT:R/V TRIDENT CRUISE TR-166 OF 26 APRIL-9 MAY 1975

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1. R/V TRIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (URI) PLANS TO DEPART BALBOA, PANAMA, ON 26 APRIL 1975 TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL AND BIOLOGICAL STUDIES IN COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA BASINS AND IN CARIACO TRENCH OFF VENEZUELA. THIS PROJECT WILL INCLUDE STUDIES OF (1) HORIZONTAL GRADIENTS AND COMPOSITION OF SUSPENDED MATTER IN DEEP WATERS OF COLOMBIAN AND VENEZUELAN BASINS, (2) BACTERIAL BIOMASS IN WATER AND SEDIMENTS AND (3) INTERSTITIAL WATER AND NUTRIENT AND FLUORIDE CONTENT OF SEDIMENTS. VESSEL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN WORK ON VENEZUELAN CONTINENTAL SHELF APPROXIMATELY 30 APRIL AND TO COMPLETE THIS WORK APPROXIMATELY 6 MAY. THIS WORK WILL INCLUDE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SAMPLING OF VENEZUELAN CONTINENTAL SHELF WHILE SHIP IS ENROUTE FROM STATION IN VENEZUELAN BASIN AT 13 DEG. 40 MIN. N. LAT, 68 DEG. 30 MIN.

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W. LONG. TO STATION IN CARIACO TRENCH AT 10 DEG. 40 MIN. N.

LAT, 65 DEG. 30 MIN. W. LONG. WORK ON SHELF MAY INVOLVE ONE TO THREE CORE SAMPLES AND/OR ONE TO THREE DREDGE SAMPLES. EXACT LOCATIONS OF SAMPLING SITES WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL VESSEL ARRIVES IN OPERATING AREA. EMBASSY

IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE OF GOV FOR VESSEL TO CONDUCT THIS WORK. FYI: PRIMARY PURPOSE OF RESEARCH IS TO OBTAIN DATA IN CARIACO TRENCH. HOWEVER, U.S. POLICY IN THIS CASE IS TO NOT REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCH IN WATERS DEEPER THAN 200 METERS, EVEN WHEN DEEP AREA IN QUESTION IS ENTIRELY ENCLOSED BY CONTINENTAL SHELF, AS IS CASE HERE (SEE REFTTEL). THUS, VESSEL WILL CONDUCT SOME SAMPLING ON VENEZUELAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AND CLEARANCE SHOULD BE REQUESTED FOR PROJECT AS A WHOLE. END FYI.

2. R/V TRIDENT IS OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL OPERATED BY URI. DIMENSIONS ARE LENGTH 180 FEET, BEAM 32 FEET, DRAFT 11 FEET, DISPLACEMENT 1021 TONS. MASTER IS CHARLES W. VANDERHOOP WITH A CREW OF 18 AND A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 7 ABOARD. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS KENT A. FANNING. SHIP'S CALL LETTERS ARE K1EA. LOCAL AGENT IN BALBOA IS PANAMA AGENCIES, BALBOA OFFICE, BOX H. BALBOA, PANAMA. CABLE: PANACO, BALBOA.

3. RADIO WATCH AT SEA KEPT ON COASTAL HF MARINE TELEGRAPHIC BAND 500 KC AND VHF/FM RADIO TELEPHONE 156.8 MHZ. SHIP IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH SSB RADIO-TELEPHONE 2182.0 KC.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR TWO VENEZUELAN SCIENTISTS, PROVIDED THEY COULD JOIN VESSEL IN BALBOA AND DEBARK IN ST. THOMAS. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL SCIENTISTS COULD POSSIBLY BE MADE AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED AS A CONDITION FOR CLEARANCE. FYI: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT VESSEL COULD ARRANGE ONE BRIEF STOP OFFSHORE NEAR VENEZUELAN PORT TO EITHER EMBARK OR DISEMBARK VENEZUELAN SCIENTISTS. HOWEVER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY NOT MENTION THIS POSSIBILITY IN INITIAL APPROACH TO GOV. INGERSOLL

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